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Public Service

Appointments in the Secretariat on a linguistic basis.

*632 Q.—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether, in accordance with the reply given to question No. 721 (supplemental) on 3rd October 1929, the Government have considered the question of appointing men to the posts in the Secretariat on the basis of due representation of persons belonging to several linguistic areas of the Presidency;

(b) how many permanent Assistant Secretaries, Superintendents and clerks (upper and lower divisions separately) are now in the office of the Legislative Council and in each one of the Secretariats; and

(c) of these how many are (1) Tamilians, (2) Kanarese, (3) Malayalees, (4) Andhras and (5) Muhammadans?

A.—(a) Yes, and Secretaries to Government have been instructed to observe the principle as far as practicable in making appointments hereafter to their respective departments.

(b) & (c) A statement[a] is laid on the table.

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM:—"May I know, Sir, whether any general instructions have been issued to the Secretaries to Government in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I do not remember the exact terms but some instructions have been issued."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to place a copy of the instructions on the table of the House, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I shall consider the suggestion."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM:—"In the answer it is stated that as far as practicable the principle will be observed. What steps does the hon. the Revenue Member propose to take to ensure the observance of this rule, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I shall consider what steps are necessary in order to see that the instructions are carried out."

Age restriction for the selection of Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars.

*633 Q.—Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any age restriction for selection of Revenue subordinates of approved service for the posts of Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars:

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the age-limit; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to consider special cases of hardship on the recommendation of Collectors?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) There is no maximum or minimum age-limit prescribed for selection of Revenue subordinates for appointment as Deputy Tahsildars or Tahsildars.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 293–294 infra.